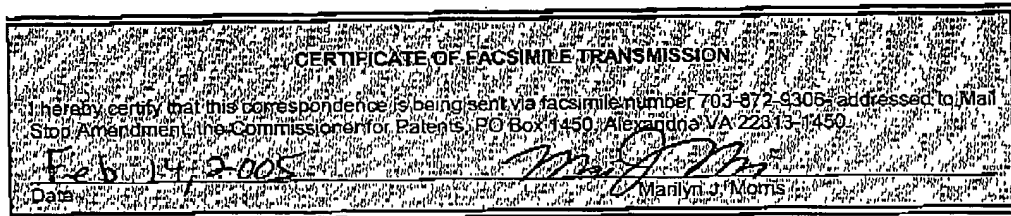


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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the minimum extension of time necessary so that the accompanying Amendment is timely filed.

It is believed that an extension of one month is required. Please charge the required \$120.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to deposit account no. 07-1969. If this amount is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment under the foregoing rules to deposit account no. 07-1969.

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